

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This program offer funds services that support renters so they can remain housed and avoid eviction. It provides access to up to date and accurate information about their rights as renters. It also provides legal representation to clear eviction notices.

Program Summary

ISSUE: COVID-19 has deepened the housing crisis and increased housing instability for many in Multnomah County with disparate impacts of COVID and housing instability for Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other Communities of Color. A lack of affordable housing along with job loss, confusion related to changes in the law, and the health consequences of COVID-19 are some of the factors that contribute to the current crisis. Accessing resources and navigating the evolving legal protections has also been difficult and renters can benefit from services that help them take advantage of existing eviction protections. Additionally, once eviction protections end, there will be a higher need for eviction support services.

PROGRAM GOAL: Renters in Multnomah County will have a resource that provides accurate and timely information. It will also help them access the legal protections and rental assistance they may be entitled to for eviction protection.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: There are two primary program activities. The first activity focuses on providing updated legal information and education services to renters in the County. This will be done by the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT), who will work with County staff and partner agencies. To make it easy to access, services will be provided in multiple formats including, but not limited to a Renters Right Hotline, website, social media, and hard copies. Additional education services are available and/or can be created to ensure information is up to date, accurate, and tailored to the diverse communities needing eviction protections, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Alliance of Tenants offers culturally specific services and has community connections and relationships with culturally specific organizations. The Second activity is legal services. These will capitalize on existing services and capacity as well as develop new resources to provide comprehensive eviction prevention support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of people receiving legal information, education and referral services	N/A	1,500	1,500	1,500
Outcome	Renters who engage with legal representation to achieve dismissal of their case.	N/A	300	300	300

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Program Total:	\$400,000		\$400,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$400,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399G ARP - Eviction Moratorium & Prevention Support

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority by funding legal services for households experiencing legal issues related to their tenancy. It also funds the Community Alliance of Tenants to provide accurate information and navigation supports to renters throughout the community.